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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Thompson School of Applied Science at the University of New Hampshire will hold its annual commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 13, 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Lundholm Gymnasium.

The degree of Associate of Applied Science will be conferred on approximately 110 graduates of the Thompson School. Graduates will have completed a two-year course of study in applied animal science, applied business management, civil technology, community service and leadership, food services management, forest technology, or horticultural technology.

Dr. David Chanoff, noted author and academic advisor to the Sudanese Education Fund, will address the graduates with a speech titled "The God of Opportunity." The co-writer of many autobiographies – including those of former Surgeon General of the U.S. Joycelyn Elders, Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon, and Holocaust survivor William Ungar – Chanoff has written for such publications as The New York Times Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, The New Republic, The Washington Quarterly, The American Journal of Education, The New York Review of Books, The Washington Post, and The American Scholar. His academic affiliations have been with Tufts University, Harvard, Boston College, and Brandeis in fields as varied as psychology, literature, and anthropology.

Regina Smick-Attisano, director of the Thompson School of Applied Science, assisted by William Trumble, dean of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture, will announce student recipients of several awards, including the Scholastic Achievement Award, Student Achievement Award, Leadership and Scholarship Award, the Stacey and Mildred H. Cole Endowed Scholarship Award and the Director's Non-traditional Student Award.

Following the presentation of the candidates by Smick-Attisano, UNH President Ann Weaver Hart will confer the degrees.

Reporters and editors: For a list of Thompson School graduates from New England, click here: http://www.unh.edu/news/docs/NE_Thompson_Grads.html